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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Patrick H. Mackey

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 August 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed 8/25/2005 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pearce. Pearce discloses a method for the production of individual cosmetic (printed on) administration forms in the form of a sheet, arranged as a multilayered stack, from individual tapes that includes: arranging the individual tapes (24) into a multilayered strand having a leading end (see col. 3, lines 47-51); aligning and transporting the multilayered strand to a cross-cutting device (37), such that said leading end of the multilayered strand is advanced beyond said cross-cutting device (see col. 4, lines 26-39); positioning an empty, pre-opened dispenser (38) having an open side in a filling position downstream of the cross-cutting device (37), such that said open side of said dispenser faces said leading end of the multilayered strand (see Fig. 1); shifting the leading end of the multilayered strand substantially into the empty, pre-opened dispenser (see col. 4, lines 40-44); after shifting the leading end substantially into the dispenser, cutting the multilayered strand by means of the cross-cutting device, to sever a multilayered stack from the strand, such that the leading end of the multilayered strand forms a leading end of the multilayered stack (see col. 4, line 44-45); and transferring the multilayered stack directly into the dispenser (see col. 4, line 45).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kotsiopoulos (US 5,588,280) in view of Pearce. Kotsiopoulos discloses a method for the production of individual cosmetic (printed on) administration forms in the form of a sheet, that includes aligning and transporting a strand to a cross-cutting device (36/38, 48/50), such that said leading end of the strand is advanced beyond the cross-cutting device (see col. 5, lines 39-49); positioning an empty, pre-opened cardboard dispenser (see col. 5, line 51) having an open side in a filling position downstream of the cross-cutting device (see Fig. 9), such that said open side of said dispenser faces said leading end of the strand (see Fig. 1); shifting the leading end of the strand substantially into the empty, pre-opened dispenser (see Fig 10); after shifting the leading end substantially into the dispenser, cutting the multilayered strand by means of the cross-cutting device, to sever the strand, such that the leading end of the strand forms a leading end of a stack; and transferring the stack directly into the dispenser (see col. 11, lines 25-34). Kotsiopoulos discloses all the limitations of the claims, but it does not disclose arranging individual tapes into a multilayered strand. Rather, Kotsiopoulos is silent as to how many layers comprise strand (46). However, Pearce discloses a method for the production of administration forms that includes arranging individual tapes into a multilayered strand (see col. 3, lines 47-51) for the purpose of creating a stack that has a plurality of layers (see col. 1, lines 15-20). It would have been

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obvious for a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to modify Kotsiopoulos by arranging individual tapes into a multilayered strand, as disclosed by Pearce, for the purpose of creating a stack that has a plurality of layers.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-9 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrick H. Mackey whose telephone number is (571) 272-6916. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene Crawford can be reached on (571) 272-6911. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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